

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
NOVEMBER 7, 2007

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:07 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

A. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis, Minister at First Christian Church.

B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 557.

C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle and Martha Myers were present. August Tindell was absent.

D. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting. Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of October 16, 2007. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Armstrong and Martha Myers congratulated everyone for being re-elected. Each Boy Scout stood up and introduced themselves and told why they were at the Council meeting.

Craig Hawes made a motion to postpone Item A. under **New Business Requiring Council Action** and hear Item B. first. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Craig Hawes made a motion to hear Item B. under **New Business Requiring Council Action** before **Unfinished Business Requiring Council**. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**New Business Requiring Council Action**

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.36, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Rightway Fasteners) Jim Clouse with Community Development presented this Resolution along with Ray Duty of Rightway Fasteners, Inc. Jim Clouse indicated Rightway Fasteners, Inc. was requesting tax abatement in the amount of \$2,500,000 on personal property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities at 7945 South International Drive, which includes purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment. This is their 14<sup>th</sup> tax abatement application. Ray Duty, with Rightway Fasteners, Inc., briefly spoke about the company and their successes. Craig Hawes stated the Insurance Review Committee had met and found Rightway Fasteners, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Mayor Armstrong introduced Ted Dawson, newly appointed interim Economic Development Director, and he spoke about Rightway Fasteners, Inc. Craig Hawes moved to approve the

Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

## **II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “B-1” (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) TO “I-2” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL).” (R. Gordon Miller) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, recapped this Ordinance requesting the rezoning of approximately 8 acres located at 2120 West County Road 450 South. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 30, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-3” (SINGLE –FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “R-7” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) (Holmes-Conwell rezoning) Jeff Bergman recapped this Ordinance and indicated that there was an error on the first Ordinance but the Ordinance in front of Council was correct. Brief discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to amend the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Ann DeVore moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.31, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “B-2” (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) TO “B-3” (CENTRAL BUSINESS).” (Casa Verde rezoning) Jeff Bergman recapped this Ordinance and indicated there was an error on the first Ordinance but the Ordinance in front of Council was correct. One of the developers explained the project. Brief discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to amend the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

## **III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Oakel Hardy (Postponed)
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.36, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Rightway Fasteners) Jim Clouse (Heard prior)

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer